

BASEBALL

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Drafting Rule May
Benefit Baseball.

IF HE MAKES GOOD BROWNS

WILL BE STRONG IN BOX.

"TIERPONT" MORGAN.
McAleer's New England pitching recruit.NATIONAL COMMISSION'S DRAFTING
RULE MAY BENEFIT BASEBALL.

Decision That No Organization Has the Right to Impede Advancement of Players Meets With Approval—The Local Situation Is Dull—Donovan's Course in Condemning His Players Has Evoked Unfavorable Comment—Seasons Should Close Earlier to Provide for Post-Series Games—Mike Lynch Will Not Enter Professional Ranks.

WRITTEN FOR THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC.

At Cincinnati the National Commission has just completed a quiet but effective session. The deliberations of the body show that the national game still has men connected with it who can be relied upon to serve the best interests of baseball.

In nearly every award the commission has shown an appreciation of justice and rights as against the uses of subterfuge which some of the club owners wished to inject into the politics of the game.

The finding of the body that the minor leagues had no right to place barriers in the way of aspiring players is undeniably a boon to the game.

The body of men calling itself the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues tried to enact a rule affecting the draft of players which would make all players who signed contracts prior to September 1, 1901, immune from draft by the major leagues.

With promptness the National Commission ruled that this regulation would work a hardship to ambitious young ball players and declared the National Association's ruling null.

In doing this, their action was commendable. They were simply obeying the law of progress, which no organization can hope to overcome.

No man or set of men in baseball has the right to place barriers around a player who is too fast for their organization. If such a rule were allowed to prevail, baseball would sink into a state of indolence that would cause it to lose its greatest outdoor sport in the world.

Without doubt, the minor leagues are entitled to compensation for developing young players, but the draft rule provides for this in an adequate measure.

Every time a player is drafted a sum of money, which the minor leagues named themselves, is paid for the services of the player.

In view of these facts, it certainly looks as though the National Commission has justified in upholding the players' side of the question by allowing him to advance in his profession.

LOCAL SITUATION DULL.
The local baseball situation at present is at low-water tide. Of late no mention has been made of a successor to P. J. Donovan to manage the Cardinals.

Whether the Cardinals get a new manager or not, remains to be seen, but if M. Stanley Robinson sticks to his present position, the dull-toned Donovan will be in charge of the Cardinals again in 1904.

As a ball player, Donovan has been a success. As a manager, his record speaks eloquently for itself.

Among men Donovan is considered a pretty nice old woman, and among old women he is considered a very nice young man. He has brought this estimate of himself into baseball by his open attack on his subordinates. Not that alone, but he now looks the nerve to stand fast on his statements.

Of course, he does not deny that he has charged his players with "laying down," but when the subject is men-

tioned the estimable Pat quivers under the gills.

If there is any sympathy to be wasted anywhere, neither Donovan nor the players deserve it. The Robisons and the public are the ones to be placated. If there is any "kick" to be taken, it is their boots that should divide the air.

The Robisons furnished the capital to run the club. The interested Donovan was practically over him as quickly to try to show the team won the pennant he would undoubtedly not have been the one to claim some of the honors.

He should now have the "sand" to stand the staff for the team's poor showing, and should be made to do so.

With the public he has placed himself in bad odor by first getting their money, and then, when they have paid, he has loudly proclaimed that his "show" was a failure.

He practically admitted that he knew his players were not doing their best for a long period.

If they were not doing their best Donovan was being paid a neat sum of money for making them do so, and his failure in this respect does not redound to his credit as a manager.

In certain quarters there is a tendency to make the players bear the entire burden of the Cardinals' poor showing. That this position is untenable must appear to even the most casual observer.

The manager must share his portion of the criticism for the poor playing of the Cardinals. He has been at the post-box placing his players all season as he was in placing his adjutants the Cardinals might not have been in last position at the close of the season.

SEASON SHOULD CLOSE EARLIER.
One of the greatest results brought about by the termination of the baseball season was the resumption of the clubs of the two big leagues.

This was well demonstrated by the immense crowds which attended the championship games played by Boston and Pittsburgh, which allowed the players to pocket the nice nest eggs of more than \$100 apiece.

While the attendance in the other four interleague series was not nearly as large, it was still excellent considering the weather which the contesting teams had to bump up against.

To the writer it looks as if it would be a good thing for the schedule committees of the two leagues to arrange their schedules so that the regular playing season would end about September 1, as from then on the attendance wanes.

LEFTY DAVIS A FAILURE.
Baseball people everywhere are getting "on" to "Lefty" Davis now, and it is beginning to look as if that gentleman would have to go to the outlaws for a job next year, or remain idle.

He has been given the marble heart to a finish by Clark Griffith of the New York Americans, and the reputation which his doings in Pittsburgh and the metropolitan area gave him will not help in finding employment.

Vindication is relished by everybody, no matter how great his reputation may be, or how unnecessary the article may be to make up. Hanlon has been vindicated in his estimate of "Lefty" Davis twice over, and that young man will probably



BROWNS' NEW BATTERY.

EXTRAORDINARY CAREER

OF JOCKEY J. SHEEHAN.



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and himself out in the cold next season. When Hanlon let Davis out, after a fair trial, a year or so ago, he went to Pittsburgh and gave it out that he had been badly treated by Hanlon and the players under him, going so far as to assert that everybody had knocked him in his efforts to play ball in Brooklyn.

Despite the denials of everybody involved, Davis got away with his statements, and for a time verified his charges by playing good ball. Then he tried to disrupt the Pirates by preaching the American League doctrine in their camp and otherwise showed his worth by trying to throw it into Barney Dreyfuss.

Davis played with the New York Americans last season. Manager Clark Griffith said that Davis turned out to be the worst fielder he ever saw, and that he dropped about fifty flies and about 150 got away from him through misjudgment. Hanlon let the matter drop long ago, probably with the expectation that, with enough rape, Davis would furnish proper vindication. Enough said.

CORBETT MAY QUIT GAME.
"Morley has made me an offer to remain with Los Angeles," says Pitcher Joe Corbett, "but I have not considered. I have not talked the matter over. I will give him the first chance to sign me providing I play next season. My brother Jim, I know, would like to have me come east. He has had some talk with McGraw and Collins about me, but I don't know how far he has gone."

"The Brooklyn club has set up a claim for me, but I don't recognize it. Playing this season has done me a lot of good in the physical way, but I am not stuck on the sport. I would rather be in some other business where there is a future."

If they are going to fix the salary limit, say at \$100 in the big league, what inducement is there for a player to come into the game in all other business the men who are on top get the money, and I think it should be so in baseball. Players like Lajoie, Collins, Young, Matt, and Waddell are cheap at \$3,000 a year."

PHILLIPS AS A FARMER.
"Deacon" Phillips, who pitched such wonderful ball for the Pittsburgh team last season, and did more to keep up the Pittsburgh's good showing in the world's championship series than any other player on the team, has gone back to the farm."

There he will remain during the winter, sitting around the wood fire cracking hickory nuts and drinking cider to his heart's content. A few years ago Phillips followed the plow for a living. To-day he is not only one of the state's National League, but a wealthy land owner as well. He lives at Ashton, S. D.

Phillips, who is known as the pride of Barney Dreyfuss, the president of the Pittsburgh club. If the big pitcher were a brother he could not be a stronger feeling of friendship between him and the head of the Pirates. In this connection an interesting story is told.

After the finish of the season of 1902, when the players were being paid off, Phillips was presented with a check for \$200 in consideration of his good work.

"That will help some," said the twister, "but I'll have \$100 more to be happy."

"What do you mean?" asked Dreyfuss. "Well, I'll tell you," he said, "you see, I have bought an interest in a farm for my folks, and I need the money to pay a note."

"Is it a good farm?" asked Dreyfuss. "One of the best in South Dakota," replied Phillips.

"Then just declare me in for the other half," said Dreyfuss. So Barney and the pitcher became joint owners of the farm. A few months later they bought up the adjoining farm for several thousand dollars.

Last summer they received a flattering offer for the land, which was used exclusively for wheat raising. They concluded to sell, and the deal was closed. Dreyfuss got \$7,000 for his share, making a record profit on his investment.

Phillips turned around and invested his money in another farm, which promises a big profit. He will have to do during the cold months to be to count his cash as it comes in.

WIND SHIELD IN BASEBALL.
A factious young man, whose brain must work in quick response to retinal impressions, on noting a picture of a wind shield before a race horse, made the suggestion that it should be used in baseball.

His plan was to station a sprinter equipped with a wind shield, and when the moment a batter landed on the ball he was to start for first like mad.

Those who suggested this advantageous use of a runner, a properly conducted shield would have a tendency to give the runner a head start, and the game would be a lot more interesting.

For instance, a nicely riveted steel shield would have a certain amount of moral suasion.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL GAMES.
Double Header at Sportsman's Park This Afternoon.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

Club. Won. Lost. Tied. Points.

Sportsman's. 1 0 0 2
Kerns. 1 0 0 2
Rawlins. 1 0 0 2

A double-header of association football will be played at Sportsman's Park this afternoon. The first game will be called at 1:45 o'clock.

The Rawlins and the Rawlins will tie up in the first game. Reed and Daly will be in the game again, and the Kerns will be expected to beat the wearers of the red and blue.

The teams in the first game will have the following players:

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Jockey Sheehan has been an indifferently good rider on the 1-to-2 shot, Miss Crawford, on Friday last, brought to an end, for a time, at least, an extraordinary sequence of inefficient and inexplicable rides on odds-on favorites.

Sheehan is a Californian. He is a strong, well-built, and a very good rider. His forte is making a heavy-handed, lumbering horse run and finish. He came to St. Louis in May with a little reputation. He got his local start by making Little Scout run an improved race over what he ran under Coburn in the Club Members' Handicap. After that he went to Chicago to ride in the American Derby.

and then signed a contract with George C. Bennett.

AN INCIDENT IN A RACE.
One day in June Miss Mae Day was in a six-furlong handicap, with Sheehan and 100 pounds on her. She was at her best and could run six furlongs in 1:12.

Sheehan was in the lead, and the horses were twenty feet between Mae Day and the rail. He was next to her. He did not bear in or touch her. Sheehan gave her a terrific yank with his right hand, and she fell.

The writer was standing within fifty feet of the race, and directly behind her. He called "Start!" and she fell. He called "Go!" and she fell. He called "Come back!" and she fell.

Mae Day fell back from a first to last place, made up ground and finished close up. The race was run in 1:14 1/2 and won by Frank Bell, whom Mae Day beat when she was in the lead.

He was giving her weight that day. After the race the sporting editor of The Republic asked Mr. Elliott, owner of Miss Mae Day, what happened.

Mr. Elliott said that Sheehan had pulled her back in and pinched him against the rail. As a matter of fact, Sheehan was not within six feet of the rail when she fell.

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Life and won her annual race at 50 to 1, beating Lasso and Eves G., whom she never could, would or should have beaten. Sheehan was on Mollie and Booker on Lasso. Sheehan came under general suspicion from the betting.

Soon after the races moved to Kinloch. He rode four races on Rainland, which were just good enough to lose, but not Rainland's races by twenty pounds, but he could not find much fault with it. He got the colt off easily, waited to the stretch, then closed up fast, but too late.

All this time Dick Watkins was running. He was beaten by Mollie and Booker on Lasso. He was beaten by Mollie and Booker on Lasso. He was beaten by Mollie and Booker on Lasso.

BETTERS LOSE CONFIDENCE.
Returning to Delmar the shrewd betters always passed Sheehan when he was on a short-priced horse. Admittedly the best rider, they had slight confidence in him. They bet on him with confidence when he was on a 5 or 8 to 1 shot, and he always gave them a good ride. After Troxler and Booker were beaten away he outclassed the other riders.

Sheehan's ride on Little Scout, when Tally Ho was 10 to 1, beat him in mud, raised a clamor. Scout is a famous mud-rider. Tally Ho did not like it. But Sheehan got Scout beaten by Tally Ho, a weak rider on Tally. Every time they met, before or after, dry or mud, Scout has run away from Tally. The next time they met in mud Scout beat Tally twenty-five lengths galloping in with more weight up. Then came a series of races on Forehand at odds-on. Thrice did Sheehan get him beaten when every one admitted that he was the best colt.

When Bridwell rode the colt in six or seven races, he always had high early speed. Under Sheehan he had no speed whatever. One day his surprise was a 1-to-2 shot. He was beaten by Harry Griffith, who was coming from behind. Look at My Surprise's race on Thursday and ask yourself why Harry Griffith could beat him.

HILLE BEATEN AT 2 TO 5.
Sheehan then came to the Fair Grounds and got Hille beaten off by Bridge and Lady Strathmore. Hille was a 2-to-5 shot. He ran the best race of his life two days prior to this event. The next day he breezed in training faster than he ever did. A week later he ran Bridge and Lady Strathmore. He was beaten by Bridge and Lady Strathmore. He was beaten by Bridge and Lady Strathmore.

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Jockey Sheehan—Hayes Leads
Owners at Local Tracks.

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TWO-YEAR-OLD WINNERS.

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In Races Won This Season.

The following fifty-two 2-year-olds have won five or more races up to and including October 22. The total number of races won by these youngsters is 311. Fifty-two have won five or more races. Sixty-six have won three races. One hundred and twenty-nine have won two races. Two hundred and twenty-nine have won one race. Total number of winning 2-year-olds, 552.

The largest 2-year-old race winner in 1902 was Gregor K. with twelve races. The largest 2-year-old race winner in 1901 was Hunteur, with seventeen races; the largest 2-year-old race winner in 1900 was Garry Herrmann, with eighteen races. This year's winners were:

Horse. Races. **Horse.** Races.
Peter Paul 18 Old Horse 10
Rockaway 15 Atlas 10
Sword 14 Sourie 10
Highball 13 Silver Dream 10
Hercule 12 Wealth of Ivy 10
Agnes Bennett 11 Athena 10
Eccentric 10 Brancas 10
Auditor 10 Champion 10
Arista 10 Quaker Girl 10
Dick Bernard 10 Jockey 10
Jockey 10 Doctor Cartilage 10
Horse 10 Proceed 10
Horse 10 J. W. O'Neill 10
Horse 10 Marfada 10
Horse 10 Rainland 10
Horse 10 Don Domo 10
Horse 10 Nanny 10
Horse 10 Division 10
Horse 10 Bird Pond 10
Horse 10 Black King 10
Horse 10 Mac 10
Horse 10 Annie Marie 10
Horse 10 Minnie 10

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